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SUBJECT: SED RELEASES DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR NINTH PARTY CONGRESS.

1. SUMMARY: THE SED HAS RELEASED ITS PROPOSALS FOR A NEW PARTY PROGRAM AND PARTY STATUTE AS WELL AS ITS FIVE YEAR PLAN DIRECTIVES FOR 1976-80 AS PART OF A POPULAR MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN IN PREPARATION FOR THE SED NINTH PARTY CONGRESS. THE DRAFT PARTY PROGRAM AMOUNTS TO A LENGTHY COMPILATION OF SED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT BREAKS NO NEW GROUND. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN A NUMBING BARRAGE OF NEWSPRINT, THE GDR HAS PUBLISHED THREE DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SED NINTH PARTY CONGRESS ON MAY 18-22. BESIDES DRAFT DIRECTIVES FOR THE 1976-80 FIVE YEAR PLAN, THE SED THIS YEAR WILL ADOPT A NEW PARTY PLATFORM, AND A REVISED PARTY STATUTE TO UPDATE THE CURRENT VERSIONS OF BOTH WHICH DATE FROM THE SED SIXTH PARTY CONGRESS IN 1963.

3. THE SED HAD PLANNED TO RELEASE THE THREE DOCUMENTS A WEEK AT A TIME BEGINNING ON JANUARY 15, BUT ON JANUARY 13 THE POLITBURO REVERSED ITSELF AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION OF ALL THREE DOCUMENTS TO BEGIN THE MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN WITH A BANG. THUS, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PUBLISHED THE ENTIRE SIX PAGE TEXT OF THE SED PARTY PROGRAM DRAFT ON JANUARY 14, THE 12 PAGE TEXT OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN DIRECTIVES ON JANUARY 15 AND THE DRAFT PARTY STATUTE ON JANUARY 16. THE EMBASSY WILL ANALYZE THE PLAN DIRECTIVES AND STATUTE IN SEPARATE MESSAGES.

4. THE DRAFT PARTY PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO BRING THE SED'S OFFICIAL PARTY PLATFORM INTO LINE WITH THE POLICIES INTRODUCED AT THE EIGHTH PARTY CONGRESS IN 1971. IN ADDITION TO LENGTHY SECTIONS ON THE SOCIALIST WAY OF LIFE AS THE SED CONCEIVES IT, THE DRAFT TREATS THE POINTS BELOW.

5. TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE NEW DRAFT ECHOES THE UNRELENTINGLY EXUBERANT EXPRESSIONS OF GDR FEALTY TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT CHARACTERIZED 1975 FROM THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION FROM FASCISM IN MAY TO THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-GDR TREATY IN OCTOBER.

6. THE SOCIALIST NATION. THE DRAFT DESCRIBES THE GDR AS A "SOCIALIST NATION" WHOSE DEVELOPMENT IS TIED TO ITS FURTHER INTEGRATION WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY OF STATES". IN A REFERENCE TO MOSCOW-PEKING DIFFERENCES, IT DEFINES THE SOCIALIST NATION AS FREE FROM "ANTAGONISTIC CONTRADICTIONS" AND STATES THAT ONLY THE OBJECTIVELY NECESSARY SEPARATION OF THE SOCIALIST GDR FROM THE CAPITALIST FRG BROUGHT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE GDR. THE DRAFT CONTAINS REPEATED REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIALIST NATIONS.

7. SECURITY. THE DRAFT PICKS UP ON THE GROWING EMPHASIS ON SECURITY IN THE GDR AND STRESSES THE NEED FOR MILITARY AND IDEOLOGICAL STRIDENCY AT ALL LEVELS OF GDR SOCIETY. THE PARTY'S ROLE IN ALL AREAS OF DEFENSE IS STRESSED AND SOCIALIST MILITARY TRAINING IS PRAISED, ESPECIALLY FOR

GDR YOUTH, WHOSE "REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE IN THE SENSE OF DEVOTION TO THEIR SOCIALIST HOMELAND" SHOULD BE INCREASED.

8. THE PARTY'S ROLE. THE DRAFT CALLS FOR AN EVER-INCREASING ROLE FOR THE PARTY THROUGHOUT GDR SOCIETY. IT INDIRECTLY REVEALS TWO OF THE PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE PARTY STRUCTURE AT THE PRESENT WHEN IT CALLS FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST BUREAUCRATISM AND POLITICAL LETHARGY. THE DRAFT ENDORSES "DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM" AND SUPPORTS INCREASED INITIATIVES AND CRITICISM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND IN THE COLLECTIVES.

9. FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE DRAFT CONTAINS NOTHING NEW IN ITS STATEMENTS ON GDR RELATIONS WITH THE WEST, THE FRG, WEST BERLIN, AND THE THIRD WORLD. WHILE IT FAILS TO MENTION CSCE, THE DRAFT ADVOCATES THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE "TREATY SYSTEM" BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND IMPERIALIST STATES AND THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

OF GDR RELATIONS WITH THE CAPITALIST STATES. ON THE FRG, IT SAYS THAT ONLY A POLICY OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND OBSERVANCE OF MUTUAL SOVEREIGNTY CAN LEAD TO FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. THE GDR ONCE AGAIN CALLS FOR A FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF GDR-WEST BERLIN RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE QA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. THE DOCUMENT GIVES SOME ATTENTION TO GDR SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IN VIEW OF SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO CONVENE THE ECPC, THE DRAFT AT ONE POINT REFERS TO SED SUPPORT FOR "COOPERATION WITH ALL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS" AND FOR "COMMON INITIATIVES" WITH SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. IT FALLS SHORT, HOWEVER, OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUGGESTING PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNIST PARTIES IN COALITION GOVERNMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE.

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10. GDR SOCIETY. THE DRAFT PROGRAM CONTAINS LENGTHY SECTIONS ON THE SED VIEW OF WHERE GDR SOCIETY SHOULD BE HEADING AND ASSERTS THE PARTY'S GOALS IN AREAS RANGING FROM THE ROLE OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND THE FAMILY IN THE GDR TO THE NEED TO INCORPORATE THE PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANISTIC SIDE OF THE GERMAN PAST.

11. ECONOMIC PROVISIONS. THE DRAFT PROGRAM PROVISIONS ON ECONOMICS ARE AN UNREMARKABLE CATALOGUE OF FAMILIAR GOALS AND EXHORTATIONS. IN THE "DEVELOPED SOCIALISTIC SOCIETY" ENVISIONED IN THE PROGRAM, THERE WILL BE IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS, HIGHER INCOMES AND CONTINUED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL PRODUCT "TO EACH, ACCORDING TO HIS PERFORMANCE". HOUSING WILL BE BETTER, AND THE HOUSING PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED BY 1990. PUBLIC EXPENDITURES ON SOCIAL SERVICES WILL INCREASE FASTER THAN PAY AND BONUSES, AND THE WORK WEEK WILL BE SHORTENED TO 40 HOURS, WHILE PRESERVING THE PRESENT FIVE-DAY WEEK. THE FAMILY INSTITUTION WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE STATE, AND

FAMILIES WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN WILL BE SPECIALLY FAVORED WITH BENEFITS, SUGGESTING A PRO-NATALIST INCLINATION ON THE PART OF THE SED. HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE BETTER IN THE "DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY"; AND ALL WILL DO THEIR PART TO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF SOIL, WATER, AND AIR.

12. THE ECONOMY WILL DEVELOP BY INTENSIVE, RATHER THAN EXTENSIVE MEANS, WHICH MEANS THAT LABOR MUST BE USED MORE EFFICIENTLY AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MUST PRODUCE MORE AND ITS PRODUCT APPLIED MORE EFFICIENTLY TO PRODUCTION. INDUSTRIAL PLANTS WILL BE RENOVATED AND RE-EQUIPPED; AND THE OVERALL RE-CONFIGURATION OF INDUSTRY TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT AND EXPANDED PRODUCTION MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN A FRAMEWORK SET FORTH BY THE NEEDS AND LOGIC OF SOCIALIST INTEGRATION. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INCREASE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS, AND THESE WILL BE USED INCREASINGLY SPARINGLY AND EFFICIENTLY. PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF CONSUMER GOODS OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY AND STYLE IS A "FIRST-RANK POLITICAL TASK". PRIVATE RETAIL TRADE, COMMISSION STORES, AND PRIVATE CRAFTSMEN WILL PLAY A ROLE IN IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE SERVICE SECTOR.

13. IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIALIZATION OF PRODUCTION IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY, WITH THE GRADUAL INTEGRATION OF AGRICULTURE INTO AN OVERALL INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMY, HSUCH INTEGRATION CHARACTERIZED BY THE EMERGENCE OF "AGRO-INDUSTRIAL CIMPLEXES". THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY ENVISIONED IN THE PARTY DOCUMENT WILL CENTER AROUND INTEGRATION OF THE GDR ECONOMY WITH THAT OF THE USSR AND OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SED FINDS THE IMPLICATONS OF SOCIALIST INTEGRATION TO BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERNS INCREASED EFFICIENCY THROUGH DIVISION OF LABOR (SPECIALIZATION), THE "STEPWISE FORMATION OF AN INTEGRATED FUEL AND ENERGY ECONMY WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH", DEVELOPMENT ON AN AGREED BASIS OF MACHINE BUILDING AND CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES; AND GREATER SPECIALIZATION IN RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION ON THE BASIS OF LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS. THE PROGRAM HAS LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT FOREIGN TRADE WITH THE WEST, EXCEPT THAT IT WILL EXPAND ON THE BASIS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

14. CENTRALIZED PLANNING AND DIRECTION OF THE ECONOMY WILL REMAIN THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PLANNING AND DIRECTION WILL BE LOWERED, ELECTRONIC

DATA PROCESSING WILL BE INTRODUCED MORE WIDELY, SOCIALIST COMPETITION WILL BE EMPLOYED TO CALL FORTH WORKERS' EFFORT, AND MONETARY INCENTIVES WILL BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE IN CALLING FORTH HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVED QUALITY, AT LOWER COST. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, BUT PASSED OVER WITH A BRIEF REFERENCE, AN INCREASED ROLE IS ENVISIONED FOR THE BUDGET, MONETARY CREDIT, AND PRICE SYSTEMS IN NATIONAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

15. COMMENT. IN CONTRAST TO THE 1963 VERSION ADOPTED UNDER ULBRICHT IN THE PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL, THE PRESENT DRAFT INCORPORATES ALL THE HALLMARKS OF THE HONECKER ERA: AN EMPHASIS ON THE GDR'S TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION, REMOVAL OF ALL REFERENCES TO GERMAN REUNIFICATION IN FAVOR OF THE "SOCIALIST NATION" CONCEPT, A STRESS ON SECURITY AND IDEOLOGICAL STRIDENCY, A CALL FOR AN INCREASED ROLE FOR THE PARTY AT ALL LEVELS OF GDR SOCIETY, AND CONTINUED ATTENTION TO A RISING LIVING STANDARD AS PROMISED BY HONECKER AT THE EIGHTH PARTY CONGRESS. THE CONTRASTS WITH THE ULBRICHT PROGRAM ARE FUNDAMENTAL. UNDER ULBRICHT THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE GDR PATH TO SOCIALISM NEVER ENTIRELY DISAPPEARED. NOW THE SED'S SUBSERVIENCE IN IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS TO THE CPSU IS SPELLED OUT REPEATEDLY IN THE DRAFT PROGRAM JUST AS IT WAS IN THE 1974 GDR CONSTITUTION AND THE 1975 SOVIET-GDR TREATY. ULBRICHT NEVER RENOUNCED THE GOAL OF A UNITED SOCIALIST GERMANY, AND THE 1963 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLATFORM CALLED FOR "OVERCOMING THE DIVISION OF THE GERMAN NATION". THE NEW DRAFT MAKES NO MENTION OF REUNIFICATION AND STRESSES TIES BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST NATION IN THE GDR AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST NATIONS OF THE SOVIET BLOC ON THE ONE HAND WHILE POINTING TO THE NECESSARY SEPARATION OF THE GDR FROM THE "CAPITALIST NATION" IN THE FRG ON THE OTHER. ON THIS BASIS, THE SED POSITS ITS GOAL OF FURTHER CONSTITUTING THE "DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY" WHILE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A "GRADUAL TRANSITION TO COMMUNISM".

16. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THE OVERALL IMPRESSION IS ONE OF MORE OF THE SAME. THE PROGRAM IS A COMPREHENSIVE CATALOG, IF ONE WERE NEEDED, OF WHERE THE PROBLEMS LIE IN SOVIET-STYLE ECONOMIES IN GENERAL, AND THE GDR ECONOMY IN PARTICULAR. THE APPROACH TO ECONOMICS IS GENERALLY NON-IDEOLOGICAL, BUT CLEARLY INFLUENCED HEAVILY BY SOVIET PREFERENCES. COOPER

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